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A WELL-KEPT HOUSE

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It's none too soon for those who plan to hang out a "Tourist Home" sign, to start getting the house ready for next summer's motorists. Work inside with paint brush and needle begins long before work on the garden and lawn.

Every room offered for rent makes its strongest appeal through an impression of fresh cleanliness. Guests usually see the general living rooms first, so these, the bathroom and halls, as well as the kitchen, will come in for special attention in this preseason preparation. If a bathroom or running water is to be installed, it is best to have the work completed before beginning such freshening-up work as repapering, painting, or doing-over floors. Many people find that taking out all the furniture of each room in turn makes it easier to see the real condition of walls, floor, woodwork, lighting fixtures, doors, windows, and closets.

Ivory or white woodwork is generally most pleasing and clean-looking, and is easiest to keep attractive. Sometimes a refreshing light green or other pastel shade harmonizes with curtains and other furnishings. If the floor is old, a coat of paint or clear varnish will make it easier to care for and will make an attractive background for light, easily cleaned rugs.

In choosing new curtains or floor coverings, most successful refurbishers have found it a good rule to use plain fabrics with figured wallpaper or patterned fabrics with plain walls. Elimination of all unnecessary articles is another rule tried and found good. In the dining room and porch, paint is often used to "tie together" chairs and tables of different woods and styles. Guests prefer small tables for two or four rather than one large table.

A desk or writing table, exclusively for guest use, in the living room or other convenient place, provides additional comfort. Many tourist-home keepers place on the desk a few cards or sheets of writing paper with the house name printed on them. There must be a businesslike place for the register.

While the kitchen shows least, the tourist-home keeper often finds it the greatest problem. Most successful homes have drainboards at the sink, long counters or table space for spreading out plates in filling orders, a quick-heating stove to supplement the range, and a good supply of sturdy yet attractive dishes and plenty of cooking utensils. The kitchen must be conveniently arranged for serving large parties, for storing emergency supplies, and at the same time must permit constant family use.

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NOTE TO EXTENSION EDITOR--continues "Money-making" series.

1. Room to make money. (Released.)
2. A well-kept house attracts tourists.
3. Beds and baths.
4. Suppers and breakfasts.
5. Businesslike methods.